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OFFICIAL AGENCE KHMERE DE PRESSE (AKP) TODAY AND YESTERDAY
CARRIED FOLLOWING ITEMS BEARING ON ATTITUDE PRINCE SIHANOUK
TOWARD TERMINATION US MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID:

1. IN MAKING PROPOSAL TO NATIONAL CONGRESS NOVEMBER 19 FOR
IMMEDIATE TERMINATION AMERICAN AID, SIHANOUK QUOTED AS SAYING
"NOW THAT WE HAVE FROM VERY MOUTH OF POLITICAL COMMISSAR OF
KHMER SEREI MOVEMENT... IRREVOCABLE PROOF OF SUPPORT AND PATRONAGE
ACCORDED THIS MOVEMENT BY SOUTH VIETNAMES AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENT.
SHOULD OUR COUNTRY CONTINUE ACCEPT AID FROM USA, FROM THIS
GOVERNMENT WHICH GIVES TO US WITH ONE HAND AND STABS US IN
BACK WITH OTHER? COULD WE FROM NOW ON RECEIVE FROM USA ONE
SINGLE DOLLAR WITHOUT OUR NATION AND OUR COUNTRY BEING DIS-
HONORED THEREBY?"

2. IN REPORT IN TODAY'S AKP OF TALK MADE LAST NIGHT TO HIGH
LEVEL WORKING SESSION RKG, SIHANOUK SAID INTER ALIA "PROOF AMERI-
CAN AID CONSTITUTED REAL DANGER FOR US FOUND IN FACT THAT DES-
PITE VERY HARD TERMS IN WHICH I HAVE CRITICIZED FREE WORLD AND
PARTICULARLY UNITED STATES... UNITED STATES NOT CUT OFF ITS
AID. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS JUST DECLARED ITS CONSIDERATION
MY STATEMENTS TO BE SIMPLE INTENTION OF RENOUNCING AMERICAN
AID RATHER THAN FIRM DECISION... DOES NOT THIS INDICATE THAT

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USA STILL HOPES SEE US ACCEPT THEIR AID AND THAT GRANTING THAT AID HAS 'CERTAIN INTEREST' FOR THEM."

IN RADIO BROADCASTS THIS MORNING SIHANOUK REPORTED AS WONDERING WHY MAAG AND USAID STILL HERE; "I HAVE 13 CHILDREN AND I COULD HAVE GOTTEN THEM OUT OF HERE BY NOW. AMERICANS HAVE PLANES IN SAIGON AND MANILA."

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